

March 3, 2003

Dear Grant Applicant:

This letter is to confirm that the deadline for the 2003/2004 Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Cycle is **May 15, 2003**. **Please disregard the April date on any previous correspondence you may have received.**

This year, as a result of new legislation (AB2274), the OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) grant program will have ample funding for Conservation and Enforcement, with a goal of \$10,600,000 out of the \$17,000,000 grant program. The legislation requires all fuel tax funding generated from non-registered OHV estimates to be spent on Conservation and Enforcement, with special emphasis on restoration projects (one third of the C&E funding). Restoration projects are typically associated with the closure and rehabilitation of illegal or unauthorized trails or areas that have been impacted by OHV use. The Commission has expressed a great deal of interest in receiving grant requests which entail a restoration component. We suggest that you contact the Division if you have any questions about which types of projects fall within the restoration category prior to submission of your 2003 grant request.

Another important change to the program includes stand-alone enforcement grants. These grants do not require a 25% match for local applicants, nor do they require a Wildlife Habitat Protection Program for Federal applicants.

A sample outline of the application can be found on our website at www.ohv.parks.ca.gov. An application matrix is also provided which identifies the requirements for each application type. A copy of the proposed draft emergency regulations will be posted on the website once they are filed with the Office of Administrative Law. The proposed regulations are required to implement this year's grant program.

If you have any additional questions regarding this year's grant program, please call (916) 324-4442 and ask for your grant administrator.

Sincerely,

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